

August 25, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the undersigned members of the Organized Dentistry Coalition, we urge you to bring H.R. 1550, the PREVENT HPV Cancers Act of 2021, to the floor for a vote. We strongly support this bipartisan legislation and believe the administration of the HPV vaccine is a safe and effective way to reduce the risk for HPV-related cancers.

As you may know, there is a link between HPV and oral health, as HPV can affect the mouth and throat, causing certain head and neck cancers. HPV is now associated with 9,000 cases of head and neck cancers each year in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For that reason, the ADA supports increasing awareness of this disease and efforts for immunization against it.

We hope H.R. 1550 would provide the national public awareness needed to help Americans safeguard their oral health against diseases of the mouth, throat and tonsils. Our collective organizations would appreciate the opportunity to work with Congress to help educate the public about the benefits of the HPV vaccine.

We strongly support improving the oral health care of all Americans and believe H.R. 1550 would help to do that. On behalf of our members and their patients, we thank you for considering this important legislation. Please contact Ms. Natalie Hales at (202) 898-2404 or halesn@ada.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

American Dental Association
Academy of General Dentistry
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
American Academy of Periodontology
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
American Association of Women Dentists
American College of Prosthodontists
American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists
American Student Dental Association
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